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SUBJ: IMCO COUNCIL

1. FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION, MENSAH (CHIEF, IMCO LEGAL DIVISION) TOLD EMBOFF THAT CHINA HAS JUST SUBMITTED NOTE TO IMCO ANNOUNCING ITS CANDIDACY FOR ELECTION TO IMCO COUNCIL (UNDER CATEGORY B) AT NINTH IMCO ASSEMBLY (NOV. 3-14, 1975). CHINESE NOTE WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO IMCO MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH USUAL PROCEDURES.

2. ACCORDING TO MENSAH, LIBERIA IS ALSO EXPECTED TO MAKE STRONG EFFORT TO WIN ELECTION TO COUNCIL UNDER CATEGORY A. HOWEVER, IN MENSAH'S VIEW, SUFFICIENT SUPPORT TO ENABLE LIBERIA TO WIN COUNCIL POSITION MAY NOT DEVELOP UNTIL 10TH ASSEMBLY IN 1977. NONETHELESS, WITH STRONG PUSH BY NETHERLANDS, AUSTRALIA, AND PERHAPS SWEDEN TO GAIN COUNCIL SEATS, COUNCIL ELECTIONS MAY BE EXPECTED TO PRODUCE DIFFICULT CHOICES AT 9TH ASSEMBLY.

3. WITH DISAPPEARANCE OF LONGE OF NIGERIA FROM IMCO

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SCENE, MENSAH BELIEVES IT UNLIKELY THAT ANY OTHER VIABLE

CANDIDATE WILL APPEAR WHO COULD CHALLENGE GENERAL SUPPORT
ADMIRAL EDWARDS CAN EXPECT TO RECEIVE FOR 3RD TERM AS
COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

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